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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

Concurrently filed with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application for patent.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** There are no amendments to the specification in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** The "REMARKS" section begins on page 9 of this paper.